

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-24 have been examined, claims 1-15 and 17-23 are allowed, and claims 16 and 24 are rejected. In the above amendments, claims 16 and 24 have been canceled. Therefore, after entry of the above amendments, claims 1-15 and 17-23 will be pending in this application. Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance, which prompt and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Allowed Claims 1-15 and 17-23

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claim 1-15 and 17-23.

Rejection of Claims 16 and 24 Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

This rejection is now moot in view of the cancellation of these claims herein above.

CONCLUSION

In light of the amendments contained herein, Applicant submits that the application is in condition for allowance, for which early action is requested.

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